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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Great Basin National Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5c, appear in this document identified by *italicized print*.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

The Lehman Caves and Great Basin Visitor Centers and Lehman Caves are closed to public visitation on the following days: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day.

The Lehman Caves Visitor Center is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. year-around, with extended summer hours as posted. The Great Basin Visitor Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the summer; extended hours may be included as posted.

These facilities are closed during three federal holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day) when park staff is not on duty.

Public Use Limits:

The Lehman Caves public tour group size will be limited to no more than 20 persons.

Group size is limited for Lehman Caves public tours due to confined spaces, to enable tour guides to maintain contact with all individuals on a tour to reduce the likelihood of separated parties, accidents or resource damage and to provide for a high quality visitor experience.

Upper Lehman Group Picnic Area located in the Upper Lehman Campground is available by permit and a fee for group use from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Groups are limited to 100 people maximum without a permit. Larger groups can request a special use permit. See park map (Attachment A) for location or [click here](#).

Grey Cliffs Primitive Group Campground is available with a fee for camping during the summer season (Memorial Day weekend through September) when Baker Creek Road is open. Groups must be a minimum of 9 persons and cannot exceed a maximum group size of 16 persons per site or 32 persons per loop (2 sites per loop when the entire loop is reserved by a single party). See park map (Attachment A) for location or [click here](#).

Picnic Area and Group Campground group sizes are limited to protect park resources and due to the limited size and type of facilities available at those locations.

Back-country or wilderness camping group size is limited to a maximum of 15 persons without a Special Use Permit. Groups in excess of 15 persons must request a Special Use Permit.

No more than one wild cave permit per week will be issued for each of the permitted wild caves. Groups entering wild caves are limited to a minimum of three and maximum of six people.

Back-country and wild cave group sizes are limited to reduce impacts to fragile park resources and preserve the wilderness character of those areas of the park.

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Closures:

The following caves are closed to public entry during the specific time periods indicated. Entry at all other times requires a permit (see 36 CFR §1.5 (a)(2) Entry into wild caves with a permit below). Within Lehman Caves, all areas other than walkways are closed to public entry.

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| • | Upper Pictograph | March 25 through September 10 |
| • | Little Muddy | April 1 through October 1
(or if oxygen levels fall below the allowable OSHA Standard of 19.5%) |
| • | System's Key | October 15 through May 15 |
| • | Ice | October 15 through September 10 |
| • | Crevasse/Hallidays | October 15 through September 10 |
| • | Wheeler's Deep | April 1 through July 1 |
| • | Model | Dependent on water levels |

In order to protect important bat hibernacula and maternity roosts within the park, all park caves that enhance these activities are closed during the time of bat hibernation and maternity roosting. Little Muddy Cave is closed to entry from April 1 through October 1 because atmospheric testing has shown that the oxygen level during that period is below the safe allowable limit. The safe oxygen limit of 19.5% is an established OSHA standard for respiratory protection and safety ([29 CFR § 1910.134](#)).

The following areas are closed to public entry:

- All park water tank and treatment facilities. All park sewage treatment facilities, park boneyard, gravel pit, and hazardous material storage areas.
- Any cave other than Lehman Caves and the following gated wild caves: Upper Pictograph, Little Muddy, System's Key, Ice, Crevasse, Halliday's Deep, Snake Creek and Wheeler's Deep
- The fenced spring collection areas for the water systems.

These areas are closed to the public in order to protect government equipment, to protect the public water supply, and to protect the public from hazards.

- The road leading from the main park entrance road to and within the park residential area is closed to unauthorized persons. Likewise the road leading from Nevada State Highway 487 to and within the park residential area on the Baker Administrative Site is closed to unauthorized persons. (Authorized persons include: park residents, park employees, guests of park residents, and persons on official park business)

The roadways in the residential areas are narrow and not designed for heavy traffic. Limiting traffic in these areas provides park residents with privacy and maintains a residential-like area. It also provides a safer environment for residents' children who might be playing in the area.

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The following roads are open to public motor vehicles (See Attachment B)

- Park Entrance Rd from NV Hwy 488 to the Lehman Caves Visitor Center
- Picnic area road from the Lehman Caves Visitor Center parking lot.
- Scenic Drive from Park Entrance Rd to Wheeler Peak Campground
- Baker Creek Rd
- Old Park Entrance Road from Baker Creek Road to the east park boundary
- Baker Narrows Rd from Baker Creek Road to the park boundary
 - Pole Canyon Trailhead parking area
- All roads accessing campsites in the following developed campgrounds
 - Baker Creek, Grey Cliffs, Lower Lehman, Upper Lehman, Wheeler Peak
- Mather Point Parking area off the Scenic Drive
- Strawberry Creek Rd from the park boundary to the Blue Canyon/Strawberry Creek Trailhead parking area
 - Vehicle operation is permitted into the campsites along the improved roads
- Snake Creek Rd from the park boundary to the Johnson Lake Trailhead.
 - Shoshone Trailhead extension is closed to vehicle traffic
 - Posted campsites may be accessed by motor vehicle.
- Mount Washington Rd from the park boundary to the parking area.
 - Access to the peak from the parking area is by foot only
- The Dry Canyon Road: NW of Mount Washington between Dry Canyon and Box Canyon
- Kious Basin Rd from the Water Tank Rd to Can Young Canyon
- All service roads in the park so posted are closed to unauthorized motor vehicles (Authorized vehicles include: government owned vehicles, vehicles operated by permitted service companies, persons given access to the area through the instrument of a special use or research permit, emergency vehicles).

Primitive roads have been closed to protect fragile backcountry resources and to provide hiking opportunities for the public. Service roads have been closed to mitigate for safety hazards, to protect sensitive park infrastructure such as water facilities, and for the security of park-owned equipment.

Except for administrative use, the following roads are closed to public vehicular traffic during the winter months:

- The Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive, beyond the locked gate. The exact location of the closure will depend upon current snow conditions on the roadway, but at the lowest elevation the closure will be at the locked gate beyond the entrance to the Upper Lehman Campground.
- Baker Creek Road, beyond the barricade at the entrance to Grey Cliffs Group Campground.
 - Baker Creek Road may be impassible at times due to surface conditions in the winter. The road will be closed until able to be safely utilized to the upper barricades.
- Winter Road Closures will generally occur from late November until May, but will vary depending upon snow depth and road conditions. Closing and opening dates will be posted on the park website at: www.nps.gov/grba. See park map (Attachment A) for locations or [click here](#).

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These roads are closed due to snow accumulations and/or muddy conditions, and there is no winter maintenance on these roads to keep them passable to vehicular traffic. Trash collection service, water and other visitor services are not available along these road corridors during the winter months. Unlimited vehicular access on an unmaintained road during the winter months can adversely affect the condition of the road surface, damaging it, and increasing both the time and cost needed to recondition the road in the spring

The following areas are closed to the operation of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) or Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs):

- The operation of off-road motor vehicles, also known as All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) or Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs), is prohibited within Great Basin National Park, including on or along paved roadways. This prohibition does not apply to vehicles that meet the definition of off-road motor vehicles that are licensed for on-road or highway use by a state government. "Off-road motor vehicle" is defined by [*Executive Order Number 11644*](#) (37 Federal Register 2887.)
- Off-road motor vehicles may be allowed for administrative purposes, such as fire control, search and rescue, law enforcement, resource management activities, and maintenance when approved by the Superintendent.
- See section 36 CFR § 4.10 within this compendium for additional information.

The Superintendent has determined that the use of off-road motor vehicles within the park is inconsistent with the mission of the park and other visitor pursuits and is further prohibited to protect the fragile resources of the park and ensure visitor safety.

The following areas are closed to bicycles:

- Bicycles, whether ridden or walked, are prohibited on all trails, bridle paths, or off roadways with the exception of the employee trail from the park housing area to the Lehman Caves Visitor Center and the trail from the Great Basin Visitor Center to Baker, NV on which bicycle use is allowed.
- Bicycles are prohibited on any roads closed to public vehicular traffic.

Within Lehman Caves, public pedestrian traffic is permitted only on constructed walkways.

In order to protect fragile cave speleothems, public traffic needs to be confined to constructed walkways.

It is prohibited to gather or possess any Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus longaeva*) wood within the park.

Ancient Bristlecone pine trees are located throughout the park. They serve as important scientific tools, especially in paleo-climatological studies. Since the age of a piece of bristlecone pine wood cannot be determined without scientific study, all wood must be protected in order to protect potentially important scientific specimens.

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(a)(2)The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Cave Tours:

It is prohibited to eat, drink, spit, or chew any material during a guided park cave tour while within a cave. It is also prohibited to carry any food items or beverage containers, including water, on cave tours. Water may be allowed for medical reasons on a case by case basis at the discretion of the tour guide.

All bags (including fanny packs, purses, and backpacks), strollers, etc. are not allowed in the cave during tours.

In order to protect the fragile cave environment, a ban on food and/or drink is necessary. It is impractical to observe every individual to ensure that food and drink items are not disposed of or dropped by accident in the cave. The trail in the cave is narrow and bulky items such as packs and strollers have been demonstrated to cause unintended damage to the fragile formations.

Camping:

Please refer to 36 CFR §2.10 within this compendium for detailed camping areas.

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Passenger Carrying Busses:

Passenger carrying busses are subject to the following conditions/restrictions on all park roads and parking areas: Busses must shut down their engines when not underway.

The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park.

Entry into wild caves with a permit:

The following gated caves require a permit for public visitation: Upper Pictograph, Little Muddy, System's Key, Ice, Crevasse, Halliday's Deep, Snake Creek and Wheeler's Deep. All other wild caves in the park are closed to public entry. No more than one permit per week will be issued for each cave. (Those individuals wishing to apply for a cave permit should contact the park at (775) 234-7331).

The following wild cave permit conditions such as the prohibition of alcohol, tobacco, and other restrictions' are in affect to assist in the protection of the cave ecosystems.

- 1) No alcohol or tobacco or other smoking products are allowed in the caves.
- 2) Liquid or solid human wastes may not be left in any cave (in wild caves use bottles for liquid waste and bag solid waste using double one-gallon zip-locked bags with baking soda).
- 3) No speleothem, cave fauna, plant, fungus, or other natural, historical, paleontological, or archeological artifact may be handled, damaged, or removed from any cave.
- 4) No marks or writing of any kind may be left on any cave wall or feature.
- 5) No carbide lamps or other carbide light products may be brought into the caves.

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(a)(2)The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted: (Continued)

- 6) No hammering or breaking of cave walls or formations that block leads.
- 7) No camping or campfires are allowed in any cave.
- 8) No domestic animals are allowed in park caves at any time.
- 9) Installing bolts or digging in cave sediment is strictly prohibited.
- 10) Cavers must remove all traces of food that they bring into the caves.
- 11) Clothing that may produce excessive lint is not allowed.
- 12) All equipment, supplies, trash, and clothing that are taken into a cave must be removed by the cavers at the end of the trip. Of particular importance is the removal of all spent batteries due to the toxic nature of these items.
- 13) All cave keys must remain on park premises, and must be returned to park staff within 24 hours after the cave trip.
- 14) Any accident or violation of these rules must be reported immediately to park staff.
- 15) Permission to enlarge a constriction or to dig through breakdown or cave fill must be obtained in writing from the park Superintendent on a case by case basis. Alterations must have a strong justification and permission can only be granted upon demonstration that all impacts can and will be mitigated using the proper NEPA documentation.

In order to protect fragile wild cave ecosystems, the number of people using the cave must be limited. In addition, items such as alcohol and tobacco products, carbide products, and lint-prone clothing must be prohibited to protect the caves.

Technical Rock Climbing:

Climbing is permitted in Great Basin National Park. Climbing with fixed anchors is permitted in the areas where fixed anchors may be installed and under the conditions listed below.

- Glue, epoxy, cement, or any other adhesive may not be used to attach or reinforce hand and/or footholds for climbing or scrambling.
- Chipping or enhancing hand and/or footholds is not allowed while climbing or scrambling.
- Vegetation may not be removed for the purpose of climbing and scrambling.
- Only neutral or rock-colored fixed anchors are permitted.
- New anchors installed within the park must be reported to the Superintendent within 72 hours.
- Climbing is not permitted within 100 feet of any archeological, cultural or historic site.
- Cords, rope and climbing equipment may not be placed in a horizontal position from natural vegetation or park structures within a campground for purposes such as “slack lines” and clothes lines.
- Fixed lines may not be attached to man-made structures. A fixed rope line may not be left unattended anywhere in the park.
- Power-drilling devices may not be used for placing or replacing bolts except when authorized by the Superintendent.

Justification: These conditions are necessary to reduce the impact to natural resources, prevent safety hazards and promote a satisfactory visitor experience. Notification of new anchor placement and authorization requests for use of power-drilling devices may be conducted through the Superintendent's Office.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f)The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

§1.5(d) The following activities related to Public Use Limits:

- Group larger than 100 persons picnicking at Upper Lehman Group Picnic Area.
- Entry into any wild cave, or any part or passage of a cave, or posted rock shelter requires a wild cave permit.

§2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take or disturb plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals). Permits are subject to the requirements set forth by the Superintendent.

The Superintendent has determined that specimen collection or utilization of such biological, paleontological and fossil specimens are to be limited. Collection of these resources may

affect park wildlife, the reproduction of plant and animal species or other park resources. However, the Superintendent may issue a permit authorizing the collection of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks, mineral or other specimens when the request for a permit is accompanied by a written research proposal, and when the Superintendent determines that the research project and the collecting will benefit science or improve management and the protection of Great Basin National Park resources.

§2.10(a) The following camping activities:

- Use of Upper Lehman, Lower Lehman, Baker Creek and Wheeler Peak campground sites.
- Use of Grey Cliffs Primitive Group Campground.
- Designated Primitive Campsites or Non-designated backcountry campsites in which the group size exceeds 15 persons, must request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit.

§2.12 Audio Disturbances:

- (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas. (With the exception of use by park residents in the immediate proximity to their homes)
- (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas.
- (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event, for which a permit has been issued pursuant to 36 CFR §2.50 or §2.51.

§2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:

- (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
- (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft.

§2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71):

- Group use of Upper Lehman Picnic Area for groups in excess of 100 persons.
- Guided cave tours of Lehman Caves.
- Access by photographers to Lehman Caves.
- Entry into a wild cave.

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f)The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required: (Continued)

- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under 36 CFR §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52).
- §2.38 Explosives:
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents.
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks.
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events.
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views with groups in excess of 25 persons.
- §2.52(c) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising with groups in excess of 25 persons.
- §2.60(b) Livestock use.
- §2.61(a) Residing on federal lands.
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director).
 - Scattering ashes from human cremation.
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits.
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.2(b) Sale of intoxicants in certain park areas.
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5 Commercial Photography/Filming:
 - Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television.
 - Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads.
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

All areas below 10,000 feet elevation, except in Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus Longeava*) groves, which are closed to firewood collection at all elevations. Only hand tools may be used in the collection of firewood in allowed areas.

The Superintendent has determined that it is necessary to restrict the gathering of dead and down wood in bristlecone groves to protect the unique resources of these areas. Wood gathering above 10,000 feet is restricted to provide for decay and replenishment of nutrients in these typically nutrient-poor life zones. The use of any type of portable motor or engine, such as a chainsaw, is prohibited without a permit from the superintendent (36 CFR § 2.13).

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

Technical rock climbing is prohibited within 100 feet of any archeological, historic, or cultural sites, including pictographs, petroglyphs, and historic remains to protect these fragile resources.

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.

Within Lehman Caves, all areas other than walkways are closed to public entry to promote safety and protect fragile cave resources.

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Pinyon Pine cones and nuts (*Pinus monophylla*): 25 pounds of nuts or 3 bags of cones (each bag no larger than 2 ft. by 3 ft. when laid flat) per household per year.
- Fruit in the historic Lehman Orchard may be picked for on-site consumption. No picked fruit may be removed from the orchard. Fruit found on the ground may be removed from the orchard for personal consumption.
- Other fruits, nuts and berries may be collected for non-commercial use subject to the following limits: 2 quart limit per family per day.
- Only freestanding ladders may be used for picking. Cutting, pulling, shaking or climbing trees to obtain fruits, nuts or berries is prohibited.

The Superintendent has determined that the gathering or consumption of these items will not adversely affect park wildlife or the reproduction potential of any plant species or otherwise adversely affect park resources. It has also been determined that limiting the amount of fruit removed from the trees will provide a harvest experience to the greatest number of visitors. Since fruit on the ground will not remain fresh for very long, it can be utilized outside the orchard. Use of these items for any purpose other than personal consumption is specifically prohibited.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) Pursuant to this section, wildlife taken lawfully from outside the boundaries of Great Basin National Park may be transported through the park under the following conditions:

- Park residents may transport legally taken wildlife from the main park entrance (Highway 488) directly to their residence.
- Hunters using the Mount Washington Road can transport lawfully taken game when crossing park lands.
- Hunters traveling by foot or pack animal on the former Decathon Canyon Road within the park, may transport legally taken wildlife by foot or pack animal only on the former road from the BLM land immediately outside the park, across the park to the terminus of the Decathon Canyon Road within the BLM administered Highland Ridge Wilderness area. No vehicles are allowed on the former road within the park or beyond the terminus of the Decathon Canyon Road within the Highland Ridge Wilderness area (See Attachment B or [click here](#)).
- Wildlife must be properly tagged in accordance with state game laws.
- Person transporting game must possess a license.
- Under no other circumstances may legally taken wildlife be transported within the park.
- Wildlife wounded outside the park during a legal hunt, which subsequently comes into the park, may only be pursued and retrieved from the park by the hunter who wounded the animal after receiving permission from the Superintendent or designee and only if accompanied by a park law enforcement ranger.

Since hunting is not allowed within the park and limited roads currently cross the park that are used to access legal hunting areas outside the park, the Superintendent has determined it is prohibited to transport legally taken wildlife within the park except for the circumstances outlined above. For the safety of park visitors and staff and the protection of park resources, the Superintendent has authorized the retrieval of wildlife wounded legally outside the park which subsequently enters into the park only if the hunter who wounded the animal is accompanied by a park law enforcement ranger.

(e) Viewing wildlife with artificial lights:

Prohibited on Great Basin National Park lands unless permitted by the Superintendent as an allowable condition of a research permit. (This includes all light sources including infrared and black lights.)

Artificial light can significantly affect the normal behavior and activities of wildlife which can affect their health and survival.

36 CFR §2.3 - FISHING

(a) Except in designated areas or as provided in this section, fishing shall be in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State within whose exterior boundaries of a park area or portion thereof is located. Non conflicting State laws are adopted as a part of these regulations.

- The following regulations apply within the park: The possession or use of fish as bait, whether dead or alive or any parts thereof except for preserved salmon eggs, is prohibited.
- For state fishing laws which are applicable in the park refer to the Nevada Dept. of Wildlife's General Statewide and Eastern Region regulations (<http://www.ndow.org/law/regs/fishregs/>).

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS and NETS.

In accordance with Section 512 of Public Law 111-24, persons possessing firearms within Great Basin National Park must comply with the firearms laws of the State of Nevada and any applicable Federal Law.

Within the park, the following buildings are designated as “federal facilities” and firearms are prohibited within:

Great Basin Visitor's Center
Lower Resource Management offices
Great Basin Wildland Fire Engine Bay
Great Basin Wildland Fire Cache buildings
Café and Gift Shop
Lehman Caves Visitor's Center
Lehman Cave
Great Basin Maintenance Complex Buildings
Protection Offices
Structural Fire Engine Bay
SAR Cache/Fitness Center
Upper Resource Management Offices
Great Basin Administrative Offices

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

Definition:

- **“Camping:”** The erecting of a tent or shelter of natural or synthetic material, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, parking of a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer, or mooring of a vessel for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy.”

Designated Camping is permitted only in the following areas:

1) Developed Campgrounds (see park map (Attachment A) or [click here](#)):

- Baker Creek
- Upper Lehman
- Lower Lehman
- Wheeler Peak
- Strawberry Creek Campground

In developed campgrounds the following limits and conditions apply:

- Individual sites are limited to 2 vehicles, 8 people and three tents per campsite, unless otherwise posted.
- Tents must be placed within 30 ft. of the site's picnic table and/or fire ring.
- Generators may only be used between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., other specific rules may apply.
- Campsite fees, where charged, must be paid within one-half hour of arrival.
- Checkout time is 12 noon.
- Maximum continuous stay at any campsite is 14 days.

2) Designated Group Campsites:

- Grey Cliffs Primitive Group Campground

The following limits and conditions apply:

- Groups must be a minimum of 9 persons and cannot exceed a maximum group size of 16 persons per site or 32 persons per loop (2 sites per loop when the entire loop is reserved by a single party).
- Sites are available with a fee for public use during the summer season (Memorial Day weekend through September) when Baker Creek Road is open. Permits are obtained and fees can be paid at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center. Advanced reservations are suggested and can be made by contacting the Visitor Center.
- Generators may only be used between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., other specific rules may apply.
- Checkout time is 12 noon.
- Maximum continuous stay at any campsite is 14 days.

3) Designated Primitive Campsites (Designated campsites are indicated by a picnic table and fire receptacle; See park map (Attachment A) or [click here](#)).

- Snake Creek Road

In designated primitive campsites the following limits and conditions apply:

- Group size is limited to 15 persons, and/or 6 pack animals, and/or 6 vehicles. Larger groups must split up into smaller groups within these limits, and must camp at separate sites. Larger groups may request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit.
- Tents must be placed within 30 ft. of the site's picnic table(s) and/or fire ring(s).
- Generators may only be used between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., other specific rules may apply.
- There are currently no fees.
- Checkout time is 12 noon.
- Maximum continuous stay limit at any campsite is 14 days.

“Non-designated or backcountry” camping is permitted with the following exceptions and restrictions: (undesignated campsites are without any type of developments such as fire receptacles or picnic tables):

- No camping is permitted in, within the Wheeler Peak No Camping Area or the Lexington Arch No Camping Area as depicted on the Great Basin Official Map and Guide which includes but is not limited to all areas within ¼ mile of the following trails: Alpine Lakes Loop, Bristlecone Glacier, Wheeler Peak and Lexington Arch. See park map (Attachment A) or [click here](#).
- Camping in the wilderness/backcountry is allowed, except that campsites must be:
 - located at least ¼ mile from the nearest public road, service road, building, water or waste-water treatment facility, designated campground or other developed area
 - at least 100 feet from a flowing stream, spring, lake or other natural body of open water
 - at least 500 feet from any obvious cultural or archeological site (such as historic mine sites, cabins, rock shelters, pictograph sites)
 - not otherwise closed.
- Camping is prohibited in all parking areas, at trailheads and on or along all other roads within the limits of the national park boundary.

- Group size is limited to 15 persons, and/or 6 pack animals. Larger groups must split up into smaller groups within these limits and must camp and eat at least 1/2 mile apart. Larger groups may request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit.
- Pets are not permitted.
- Maximum continuous stay at any campsite is 14 days. After 14 days campers must relocate at least 1/2 mile from previous site.
- Backcountry campers are strongly encouraged to fill out a free backcountry registration form at park visitor centers to document their plans, provide for their safety, and assist the park in monitoring backcountry use.

The primary concern with the use of the backcountry is protection of fragile natural areas such as the Ancient Bristlecone pine groves and protection of the park's other natural and cultural resources. It is the Superintendent's goal to work towards preservation of all park resources and to limit the impact of backcountry camping upon those resources, particularly in sensitive areas.

Other camping rules and regulations:

(b) (3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas and under the conditions noted:

All developed campsites in Lower Lehman, Upper Lehman, Wheeler Peak and Baker Creek Campgrounds and at designated primitive campsites along Strawberry Creek and Snake Creek Roads.

In each campsite or campground, sites may be restricted to organized groups, recreational vehicles, length of vehicles, or tents.

Camping is an intensive use of park resources. All of the camping regulations are in effect to protect the natural and cultural resources of the park and the recreational enjoyment by other visitors. Limitations on the number of camping days, persons per site, etc. seek to achieve this protection while still providing an equitable allocation of camping opportunities.

(d). Food storage. The superintendent may designate all or a portion of a park area where food, lawfully taken fish or wildlife, garbage and equipment used to cook or store food must be kept sealed in a vehicle, or in a camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or... as otherwise designated. This restriction does not apply to food that is being transported, consumed, or prepared for consumption.

All unattended food, garbage or cooking equipment must be sealed in a vehicle or a solid, non-pliable, container.

Animals that feed on human food can become reliant on it and be less adapted to the natural conditions of Great Basin National Park. Furthermore frequently fed animals can become a nuisance and cause litter to be strewn about campsites and picnic areas as well as pose a danger to visitors.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Open fires are permitted only in designated fire rings, grills, or grates in developed campgrounds, designated primitive campsites and employee residential areas. Self contained gas and charcoal grills are allowed. Charcoal must be fully extinguished with water and removed from the park or disposed of in a garbage receptacle.
- Fires are prohibited above 10,000 feet. Backcountry users may only use portable stoves for cooking above 10,000 feet

Receptacles Allowed:

- Where provided in developed campgrounds, designated primitive campsites and picnic areas fire rings, grates or grills must be used.
- The construction of new fire rings is prohibited throughout the park.
- In the backcountry, fires may only be constructed upon and in areas of bare soil with a diameter of at least 10 ft. or in a shallow snow pit clear of vegetation for a diameter of at least 10 ft. in order to prevent escape and damage to resources. Clearing of vegetation is prohibited. Metal fire pans or fire blankets may also be used in such areas for additional protection. Fires must not exceed two feet in diameter. Upon departure all fires must be rendered completely out and cold by dowsing with water and all ashes must be widely scattered. Construction of stone fire rings is prohibited.

Most of Great Basin is not classified as a high fire danger environment, however local and temporary weather conditions may significantly increase fire danger. The use of ground fires; however, requires aggressive management due to the high probability of windblown hot coals or ash igniting combustible materials such as tents, vehicles and vegetation. Allowing open fires only in existing fire enclosures, grills, or fire grates that have been provided by the park helps to control human-caused fires. Restricting fires also serves to deter the illegal collection of sparse native vegetation. Persons desiring to use portable gas or charcoal grills do not compromise park management concerns when procedures for proper disposal of ashes/coals are followed.

(c) High/extreme fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:

- During high fire danger, fires may be restricted to developed campgrounds and picnic areas only.
- During extreme fire danger, fires and smoking may be restricted throughout the park

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a) The following are prohibited:

(a)(2) Using government refuse receptacles or other refuse facilities for dumping household, commercial, or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property except in accordance with conditions established by the superintendent.

- Residents in the park may use the provided dumpsters for household waste.

Residential occupants are employees of the National Park Service and the dumpsters and recycling containers are provided for their use as part of the residential agreement.

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

- Human body waste must be bagged and carried out of any cave and disposed of in an appropriate receptacle.
- In backcountry and other undeveloped areas the disposal of human body waste shall be prohibited within 100 feet of any water source or developed trail. Human waste and toilet paper should be buried in a hole 4-6 inches deep in mineral soil.
- Human body waste, other than toilet paper, is prohibited from being placed within park trash cans or dumpsters and must be disposed of in park restroom facilities or the RV dump station located near the Lehman Caves Visitor Center.

Human body waste can be a significant hazard to other persons, wildlife and the environment. Proper disposal is necessary to prevent the unintentional spread of disease or harmful microorganisms.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets (NOTE: This subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to certified service animals trained to assist persons with disabilities or to guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons).

- All caves and all trails, except the Lexington Arch trail. Pets are allowed on the Lexington Arch trail provided they are controlled on a leash of not more than 6 feet at all times.
- All public buildings, including Visitor Centers, Gift Shops, Café.
- Wheeler Peak and Upper Lehman Campground Amphitheaters, while interpretive programs are being conducted.
- All backcountry areas to include primitive zones, protected natural areas, research natural areas, semi-primitive day use subzone and semi-primitive areas (see park map (Attachment A) or [click here](#)).

(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Visitors may leave pets tied/confined and unattended in a designated area behind the Lehman Caves Visitor Center while they are inside the building or on a cave tour provided the pets have adequate food, water, and shade. Vicious dogs or those given to continual barking so as to create unreasonable noise may not be left unattended.
- Leaving a pet unattended in a vehicle under heat conditions that pose a significant risk to the health of a pet is prohibited. The Superintendent may impound or take custody of pets that are endangered in these heat conditions.

The Superintendent has determined that conditions may exist where the act of leaving a pet in a vehicle during hot weather may pose a significant risk to the health of a pet.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

Pet excrement in campgrounds, campsites, residential areas, lawns, walkways, access roads, and around public buildings must be disposed of in a trash bin by the person responsible for the pet.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- Pet owners must comply with all pet requirements listed in the park pet policy (Office Order GRBA-2).
- Pet owners must comply with all applicable county and state regulations pertaining to pets.
- All pets must be inoculated per state & county regulations, and will wear tags identifying their owner when in public locations.
- Wildlife shall not be kept in violation of state or federal law.
- The keeping of wild animals native to the area or dangerous pets is also prohibited.
- The keeping of exotic animals with potential to survive within Great Basin National Park should they escape is prohibited.
- The keeping of farm animals (which include but are not limited to: horses, burros, goats, or pot bellied pigs) is prohibited.
- Excessive noise or offensive conditions created by any pet are prohibited.

Since pets are usually concentrated in the campgrounds and public areas of Great Basin N.P., excrement must be removed to prevent health hazards to people and to lessen negative impact on wildlife. Consistent with public health and safety, protection of natural resources and avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, pets must be restricted. Pets are not considered compatible with the broad park goal of minimal resource impact or inherently suitable for adapting quickly to a strange environment often involving close association with strange persons and animals. It is recognized that pets are a common possession of park visitors, and provisions are made for them where they do not jeopardize basic park values. National Park Service policy prohibits pets on trails. Dogs in particular chase wildlife, pollute water sources and can become defensive and dangerous in strange surroundings. The burden is placed on pet owners to assure their pets do not destroy park values for other people in areas where pets are allowed. Resident employees are subject to these regulations and may keep pets only in accordance with the park's pet policy.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:

Horses, mules, burros, and llamas

(b) The public use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

All areas except:

- Paved roads.
- Developed areas, including campgrounds, picnic areas, and Visitor Center areas.
- Residential areas and maintenance areas.
- Self guiding interpretive trails.
- Osceola Ditch trail, Lexington Arch trail, and the Lexington Arch No Camping area.
- Wheeler Peak No Camping area.
- See park map (Attachment A) or [click here](#).

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Up to 6 horses or pack animals are allowed per group for day or overnight use. Larger groups may request an exception to these limits from the Superintendent under the terms of a Special Use Permit.
- All feed transported, possessed and used in the park must be certified "weed free". Information on "weed free" livestock feed can be obtained on the park website by visiting or clicking on the following link: <http://www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/pack-animals.htm>.

- Animals may not be picketed, hobbled, or allowed to graze within 100 feet of any spring, stream, lake, body of water, or riparian area.
- The tying of horses or pack animals to trees or other vegetation for more than 60 minutes or in a manner that causes damage to park resources is prohibited.
- Horses or pack animals may not be tied to or secured within historic structures such as cabins, mills or corrals.
- Horse trailers may not be cleaned out in the park.
- Manure piles dropped at trailheads or in overnight camping areas must be removed from the park or scattered over a wide area away from buildings, parking areas, roads, trails or water sources.

The recreational use of horses and pack animals is well established in the park. Restrictions on animal type, watering, numbers and locations for stock use are necessary to: 1) protect the soil, vegetation and water quality from unacceptable damage, 2) protect public health concerns and 3) avoid conflict among visitor use activities. The use of certified weed-free feed is required in order to minimize the introduction of non-native plant life.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) Snowmobiles and other over snow mechanized vehicle use is prohibited.

The use of snowmobiles is inconsistent with the parks natural, cultural, scenic and aesthetic values. The roadways and backcountry trails systems do not support the use of these types of vehicles.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) Skiing, snow shoeing, ice-skating, sledding, inner-tubing, tobogganing and similar winter sports are prohibited on park roads and in parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic except as otherwise indicated;

Skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, tobogganing, and similar non-motorized winter sports are permitted elsewhere in the park, and on roads impassable to motor vehicles and closed due to snow. With the exception that skiing is allowed along the open portion of the Baker Creek Road from its junction with the main park road to the winter road closure. Skiers on this open road must yield to vehicular traffic and should utilize to the extent possible the unplowed west road edge.

Winter recreational activities are allowed in areas where it is safe to conduct such activities and where such activities do not cause unintended harm to sensitive park resources.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller-skates, roller-blades, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

On paved surfaces located in the park residential areas, only by park residents & their guests.

Roller-skates, roller-blades, roller skis, and other such devices may create hazardous conditions when used on the same roadways as vehicles or on sidewalks traveled by pedestrians. They additionally cause damage to natural resources when used off pavement or other hard surfaces.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking:

- All government owned buildings and historic structures, including all restrooms. (Refer to Park Housing Policy concerning residential structures).
- On the Mountain View Nature Trail and Island Forest Nature Trail.
- All government owned, rented or leased vehicles.
- Within 25 feet of the entrance/exit to a public building or cave.
- Within all caves.
- All cabins, structures and ruins within the park.
- Within 50 feet of any above ground gasoline and propane dispensing or flammable storage area.
- Areas of the park as designated during extreme fire danger.

Certain areas are restricted to protect public health and to protect structures from fire danger or smoke. This prohibition is consistent with federal and state law.

Smoking while hiking or riding in the backcountry:

- Persons who wish to smoke must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material. All smoking material must be packed out and disposed of in an appropriate trash receptacle.

Smoking, while traveling on trails, is prohibited due to the resulting fire danger. Ashes inadvertently dropped while walking or while riding an animal have the potential to start a fire that may go unnoticed in its initial stages. Requiring persons to remain in one location minimizes this risk.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Visitors using the backcountry area are allowed to leave their vehicle unattended at trailhead parking areas while they are in the backcountry. It is recommended that visitors partake of the free backcountry registration at Visitor Centers for safety and tracking purposes.
- Extra vehicles may be left in Visitor Center parking lots for persons on extended trips within the park.
- Caching of food and water supplies in the backcountry for use on extended backcountry trips is permitted. All caches must be clearly marked with a date when they were deposited. Unmarked caches or caches left in excess of 30 days may be removed by park staff.
- Official park maintained summit registers on various peaks within the park.

(b)(1) Impoundment of property:

Any motor vehicle that is immobile because it is not capable of moving under its own power due to mechanical malfunction; or any vehicle which is inoperable because it cannot be operated legally on public roads because it is unlicensed or unregistered, may be impounded by the Superintendent when it has been left unattended for more than 24 hours or it presents a hazard to or impedes normal park operations.

Abandoned vehicles, apparently abandoned vehicles, and inoperable vehicles cause a shortage of parking spaces, create an eyesore, and may interfere with access to a building during emergencies, such as a fire. The provisions stated above are the only conditions under which persons may leave a vehicle unattended in excess of 24 hours. Otherwise, property may be impounded according to the procedures stated in 36 CFR §2.22 (b) and (c). Go to or click on the following link for specific information:
http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jul20061500/edocket.access.gpo.gov/cfr_2006/ju/qtr/36cfr2.22.htm.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

- Lehman Caves guided tours
- Lower Lehman Campground
- Upper Lehman Campground
- Reservation of the Upper Lehman Creek Picnic Area
- Wheeler Peak Campground
- Baker Creek Campground
- Camping in the Grey Cliffs Primitive Group Campground
- RV Dump station

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- Non-residential government buildings.
- Visitor Center patios and lawns.
- Caves

The superintendent has determined that the consumption of alcoholic beverages in these areas does not promote a visitor-friendly atmosphere.

36 CFR 2.50 - SPECIAL EVENTS

Permits are required for any special event utilizing park areas. Special events are defined as sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainment, ceremonies, and similar events, or any event involving an organized gathering of 20 or more people (including non-profit or charitable organizations).

- A written application for a permit must be submitted to the Superintendent at least 72 hours prior to the date desired for the event.
- Consideration will be given only to those activities that contribute to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area or where there is a meaningful association between the park area and the event.

A permit is required to control special events in the park that may damage park resources or conflict with the overall safety and enjoyment of the park by the majority of park visitors.

36 CFR 2.51 - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

Permits are required for any public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of opinions consisting of over 25 persons within the park. Approved locations are available by contacting the Superintendent's Office. Written applications for permits must be submitted to the Superintendent within the calendar year of the proposed event. Permits will be returned to the applying party within ten (10) days of receipt. The activity must not conflict with any scheduled NPS function or program.

Groups of 25 or less persons do **not** need to apply for a permit. The areas designated below will still be used.

The designated areas for these First Amendment activities are:

- Great Basin Visitor Center in the circular concrete benches. (see Attachment D or [click here](#)).
- Lehman Caves Visitor Center parking area. The area designated is in the gravel area to the east of the parking lot, between the entrance road and the road to the picnic area.

A permit is necessary to control public assemblies and meetings in the park that may damage park resources or conflict with the overall safety and enjoyment of the park by the majority of park visitors, while allowing for First Amendment rights. Groups of 25 or less are not required to obtain a permit, though they are recommended to do so.

36 CFR 2.52 - SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

Permits for sale or distribution of printed matter (including free materials) will be limited to areas designated under 36 CFR § 2.51. Written application for such a permit must be submitted to the Superintendent within the calendar year of the planned distribution. Permits will be returned to the applying party within ten (10) days of receipt. Groups of 25 or less persons do not require a permit.

The distribution of printed material cannot be for commercial purposes. It is further prohibited for persons engaged in the sale or distribution of printed matter under this section to misrepresent the purposes or affiliations of those engaged in the sale or distribution, or to misrepresent whether the printed matter is available without cost or donation.

Note: The permit is similar to the permit issued for public assemblies and meetings. A map is always included. The cited CFR subsection 2.52, Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter is also included with the permit request.

A permit is necessary to control sale or distribution of printed matter since such activities may conflict with the overall safety of visitors and employees, the right of park visitors to have free and unencumbered passage throughout park facilities, the right of park visitors to enjoy park values without non-value related intrusions, and basic operational needs.

36 CFR §2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE

Absent a permit, the running-at-large, herding, driving across, allowing on, pasturing or grazing of livestock of any kind in a park area for agricultural purposes is prohibited. Additionally, a permit can only be issued in the following circumstances:

(a)(1) As specifically authorized by federal statutory law; or

(a)(3) As designated, when conducted as a necessary and integral part of a recreational activity or required in order to maintain a historic scene.

***NOTE:** The term “livestock” means a domesticated animal that is personal property kept for commercial purposes. [48 Federal Register 30273, June 30, 1983]*

36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LAND

Absent a permit, lease or contract, residing in park areas on other than private land, is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

The scattering of human ashes from cremation, with a permit, is allowed under the following terms and conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized.
- Remains unable to be cremated (i.e. metal objects) cannot be included in the scattering.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
- The scattering of remains from the air must be at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above the ground.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.
- All containers empty of remains must be removed from the park.

The Superintendent has implemented these restrictions on the scattering of cremated human remains to protect park resources and prevent interference with other park visitor activities.

36 CFR § 3.1 – BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES - APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

(a) The laws and regulations of the state within whose exterior boundaries a park area or portion thereof is located shall govern water use, vessels, and their operation and are adopted as a part of these regulations.

The following boating and water use regulations apply within the park:

- Refer to the Nevada State Recreational Fisheries Guide (<http://www.ndow.org/law/regs/fishregs/>) and Nevada State Boating Regulations (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-488.html>) for applicable state regulations.

- The use of all other hand-propelled watercraft on park waters is allowed unless conditions present a specific danger to use.
- The use of electric or fuel powered motorized equipment on any waters is prohibited.

Park lakes are in remote locations, small in size with variable water levels through the year and do not contain fish with the exception of Baker Lake. Park streams are very narrow, rocky, and shallow. The superintendent has determined that park waters are not amenable to safe navigation by hand-propelled watercraft. The use of float tubes on Baker Lake permits for a more positive recreational fishing experience. The use of motorized devices on water sources destroys the tranquility of such resources and may cause pollution in alpine lakes.

36 CFR §3.21 – SWIMMING AND BATHING

(a)(1) The following areas are closed to swimming and bathing:

All standing water in park caves.

The above restrictions are in effect to protect the habitat of species using these water resources, and to provide for public health and safety.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document:

- Roads designated in Attachment B.

(b) Routes and areas designated for off-road motor vehicle use shall be promulgated as special regulations. Routes and areas may be designated only in national recreation areas, national seashores, national lakeshores and national preserves.

Great Basin National Park has no designated routes or areas for off-road motor vehicle use. “Off-road motor vehicle” is defined by [Executive Order Number 11644](#) (37 FR 2887.)

All park roads regardless of surface condition are classified as highways for the purpose of the Nevada Revised Statutes and should be driven on only by “street-legal”, properly equipped and licensed vehicles. As such, the use of unlicensed ATVs and other Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) is not permitted within the boundaries of the park.

The Superintendent has determined that the use of off-road vehicles within the park is inconsistent with the mission of the park and other visitor pursuits and is further prohibited to protect the fragile resources of the park and ensure visitor safety.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

On the following roads, travel is closed to single vehicles or trailers in excess of 24 feet in length:

- Wheeler Peak Scenic Drive past Upper Lehman Campground.

These restrictions provide for the safety of other passenger vehicles along narrow road corridors, and are due to lack of adequate space for turn-around of extended length vehicles, and vehicle/trailer combinations.

6 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(a) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- 15 mph: Campgrounds, parking lots, picnic areas, residential areas and Pole Canyon Road.
- 25 mph: Baker Creek Road, Snake Creek Road and all other unpaved roads unless otherwise posted.
- 35 mph: All paved roads, unless otherwise posted.

Variations from the speed limit designations in the general regulations have been made where road conditions allow either a higher speed without jeopardizing public safety, or require a lower speed limit for public safety and to prevent road deterioration.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.

Bicycle use is allowed on the employee trail from the park housing area to the Lehman Caves Visitor Center and the trail from Great Basin Visitor Center to Baker, NV.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the conditions noted:

Hitchhiking is permitted on park roads. Hitchhikers must use trailheads, parking areas and turnouts and not stand on the road shoulder nor obstruct traffic.

The superintendent has determined that hitchhiking will be allowed in the park so long as those individuals seeking a ride follow the above safety guidelines and do not obstruct traffic or harass other park visitors. Hitchhiking is allowed to provide a means for hikers to return to their vehicles when their destination, schedule or fatigue does not allow their return to their starting point.

36 CFR 5.5 - COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The following conditions apply to commercial photography within the park:

- A permit is required for any commercial photography, as defined in section 1.6, and under NPS Director's Order 53.
- Persons or organizations engaged in commercial photography, motion pictures or video production must complete an application for a permit and return it to the parks Office of Special Park Uses. For information call 775-234-7331. The permit will specify whether a surety bond is required prior to the commercial operation occurring.

- NPS escorts are required for all special event and filming operations in Lehman Caves, and may be required for any permitted filming event in the park. Filming in the interior of any historic building will only be permitted for documentary films or news/travel programs and will require an NPS escort. Ordinary and customary charges may be assessed to cover the cost of the park escort.

The Superintendent has determined that the issuance of a commercial photography permit is contingent on adequate protection of park resources, avoidance of unreasonable interference with public access to the park, and actions consistent with all applicable laws.

36 CFR Part 7 - Special Regulations

There are no Part 7 Special Regulations pertaining to Great Basin National Park.

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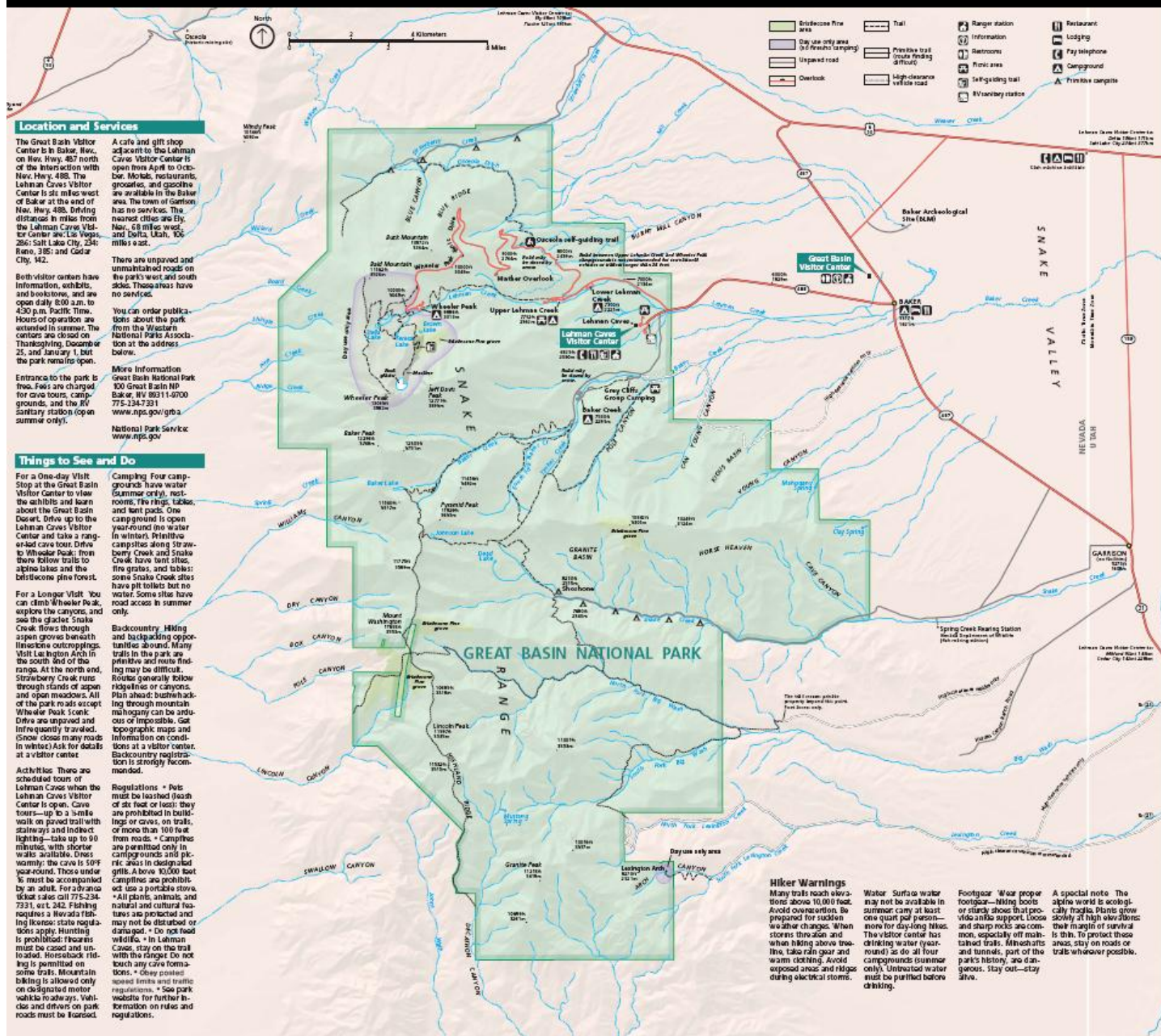
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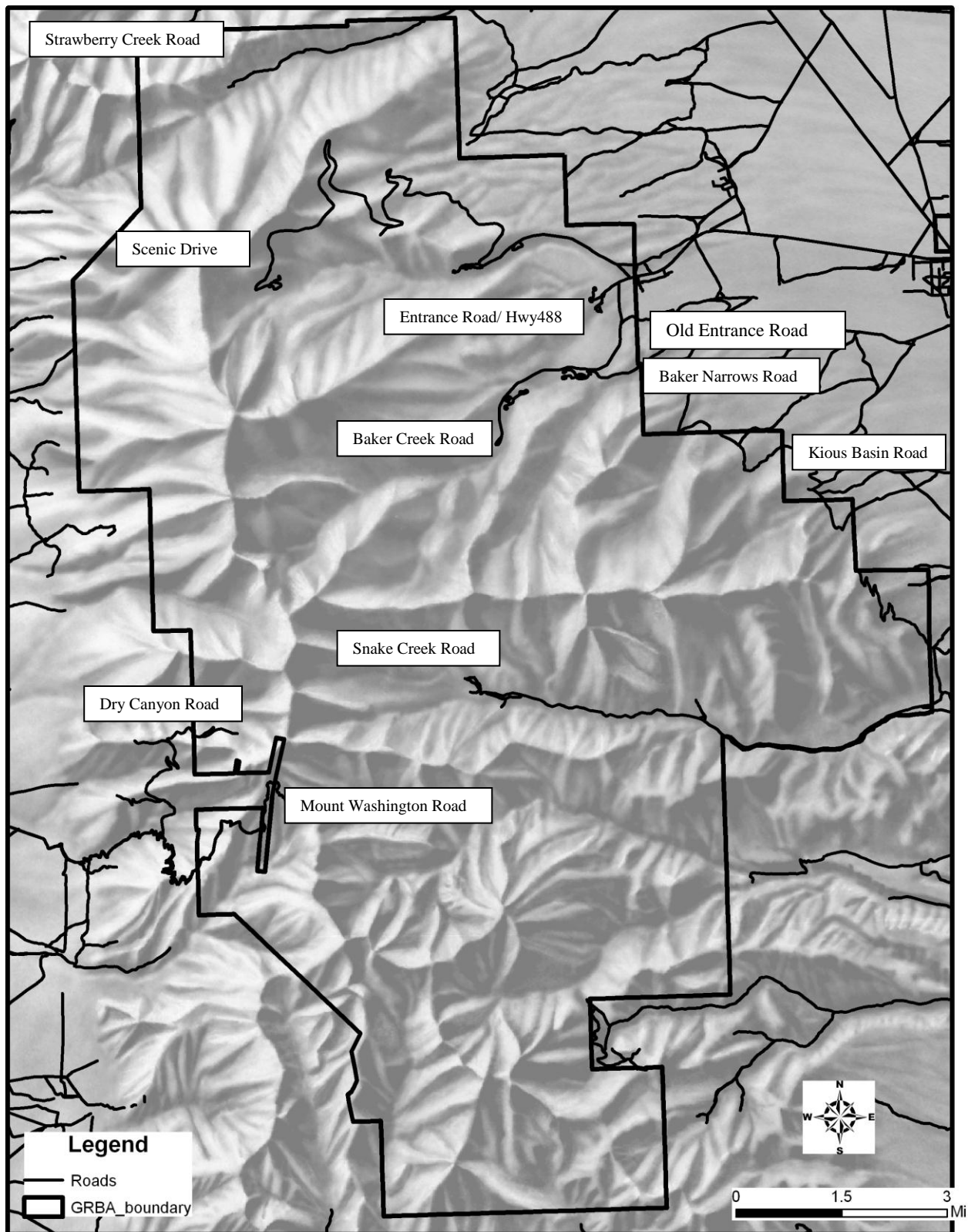
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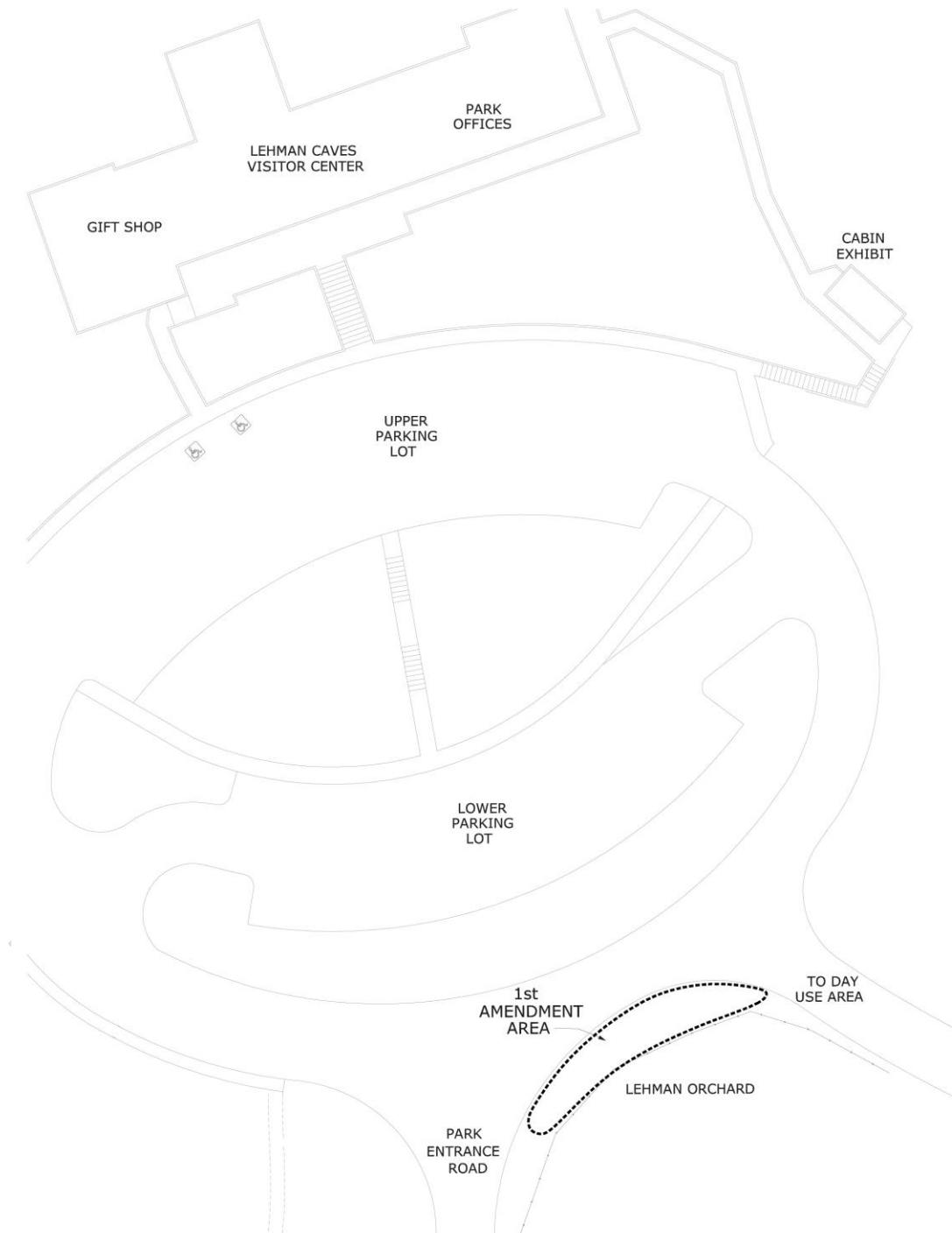
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Attachment B – Park Roads



**Attachment C – Great Basin National Park First Amendment Activities Site Map.
Lehman Caves Parking Area Site**



**Attachment C – Great Basin National Park First Amendment Activities Site Map.
Great Basin Visitor Center Site**

